

Cal OES Daily Situation Report

December 20, 2017



Workers from Kiewit Infrastructure install two baghouse filters on top of the two silos to control dust particles from the roller-compacted concrete (RCC) plant, relocated below the 1,450-foot cutoff wall downslope of the Lake Oroville emergency spillway in Butte County.

Photo Credit: Ken James / CA Department of Water Resources



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Tribal Liaison POC	Denise Shemenski
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National Terrorism Advisory System



SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Level 3	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Level 3

2017 December Wildfire Activations

- The State Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level 3.
- The Cal OES Southern Region EOC (SREOC) is activated at Level 3, with an operational period of 0800-1700 hours.

2017 December Wildfire Cal OES Southern Region Emergency Operations Center Deployments

- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Senior Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs) to Southern Region EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC to Southern Region EOC

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

- On 12/08/17, President Donald J. Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from wildfires beginning on 12/04/17, and continuing.

Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Fire Resources Deployed to Wildfires in Southern California

- Please see the attached summary of resources assigned to the fires throughout Southern California, that includes OES Resources and Local Government Resources.

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

- See Fire Activity slides.

FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels

National	Northern California	Southern California
Preparedness Level 2	Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 3
	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 1	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties

Location: Hwy 150 x Hwy 126, north of Santa Paula

Jurisdiction: Local DPA, SRA, Contract County

Per the Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of [12/20/17 at 0645 hours](#):

- [272,000 acres, 60 % contained](#)
- Unified Command – Unified Command Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, City of Ventura, Los Padres National Forest, Ventura County Sheriff, CAL FIRE
- Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping
- Mandatory evacuations remain in place
- Structure threat continues
- [Aggressive mop-up will continue in evacuated areas to support repopulation and to improve existing fire lines](#)

Activations

- Ventura County EOC is activated at Level 2, also covering the Town of Ojai
- Santa Barbara County EOC is activated at Level 3 (highest level) from 0300-1900 hours, Level 2 from 1900-0300 hours
- City of Santa Barbara EOC is activated at Level 2
- City of Carpinteria EOC is activated at Level 1 (lowest level)
- City of Montecito EOC is activated at Level 1 (highest level)



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FIRE ACTIVITY

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)

Deployments

- 7 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chiefs (ACs) are deployed to the incident
- 1 Cal OES Inland Region Acting Regional Administrator (RA) is deployed to the Ventura EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC is deployed to the Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Deputy RA is deployed to the Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Senior ESC is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 2 Cal OES Inland Region ESCs are deployed to the Santa Barbara EOC
- 1 Cal OES CSTI Emergency Management Coordinator II is assigned to Santa Barbara County
- 1 Cal OES Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 9 Public Safety Communications Technicians (PSCT) are assigned

FMAG

- On 12/05/17 the FMAG was approved by FEMA, FEMA 5224-FM-CA.
- On 12/07/17 the request to add Santa Barbara to the FMAG as a Contiguous County was approved.

Proclamations

- Ventura County has submitted a proclamation requesting a Gubernatorial Proclamation and a Presidential Declaration. There is no request for state assistance.
- The City of Ventura has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- The City of Santa Paula has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- On 12/05/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Ventura County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has damaged critical infrastructure, destroyed hundreds of homes and caused the evacuation of residents.
- On 12/07/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Santa Barbara County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has threatened homes and other structures and caused the evacuation of residents. The Governor also requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration for direct federal assistance to supplement the state and local emergency response to the fires burning in Southern California, following the emergency proclamations issued earlier this week for San Diego, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.
- On 12/08/17, the County of Santa Barbara submitted a proclamation of local emergency requesting CDAA funding and any other State and Federal funds that may be available

Evacuations

- Total – 14,043 mandatory evacuations for Santa Barbara County:
 - Montecito and Summerland area north of Alameda Padre Sierra/South Salinas St. and Highway 101, south of State Route 192, east of Mission Canyon Rd., and west of Hot Springs/Summit Rd.
 - The area north of State Route 192, south of East Camino Cielo, East of San Roque/Jesusita Ln. and West of Ladera Ln.



FIRE ACTIVITY

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)

Shelters

- Ventura County Fairgrounds – Miners Building, 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura
 - Midnight Count: [226](#)
- University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, 515 Ocean Rd., Santa Barbara
 - Midnight Count: [167](#)
- Animal Shelters:
 - Ventura County Humane Society, 402 Bryant St., Ojai
 - Ventura Fairgrounds horse sheltering area is full. Horses are being diverted to Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara and Meadows of Moorpark.
 - Santa Barbara Humane Society (small animals), 5399 Overpass Rd., Santa Barbara
 - Earl Warren Showgrounds (large animals), 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

Evacuation Center

- Santa Barbara Bowl, 1120 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara.

Major Road Closures

- Hwy 154 closed from Cathedral Oaks Rd. (Hwy 192) to Hwy 246
- Hwy 33 between Hwy 166 & Fairview Rd. (Santa Barbara & Ventura Co)
- Hwy 192 between Camino Viejo & Hwy 150 (Santa Barbara Co)

Critical Infrastructure

[California Utilities Emergency Association](#) is reporting that as of 12/20/17 at 0630 hours:

- Ventura County:
 - [125 households are without power due to the Thomas fire.](#)
- Santa Barbara County:
 - [29 customers are without power due to the Thomas fire.](#)

Recovery

- Local Assistance Center (LAC), Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura
 - Hours of operation: 0900-1900 hours
- The Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) began 12/18/17.

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Major Road Closures		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures

Lifeline Routes

- There are no lifeline route closures.

Non-Lifeline Routes:

- There are no lifeline route closures.

Wildfire Closures:

Ventura County:

- SR 33 is closed 1.2 miles north of Ojai at Fairview Ave. to 19.5 mi south of the west junction of SR 166 at Lockwood Valley Rd.

Santa Barbara County:

- SR 192 is closed from Camino Viejo Rd. in Montecito to the junction of SR 150.

Emergency Center Activations:

- There are no Emergency Center activations at this time.

Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



Click on the Caltrans Logo to check
current highway conditions.
You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for
current highway conditions.



California 911 System

CA 911 Outages		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages

911 Outages/Remote/Community Isolations:

Montecito, Santa Barbara County

- As of 12/19/17, the CA 911 Branch has no new information regarding this issue as a trouble ticket has been issued to resolve the issue and Santa Barbara County Sheriff (SBCSO) who covers the Montecito and Summerland jurisdiction advises they are fully operational.

Santa Paula, Ventura County 911 Outage

On 12/05/17, the Frontier Santa Paula remote central office in Ventura County reported that 329 landlines had no dial tone due to power failure as a result of the Thomas Fire. Currently, these customers were unable to dial out to 911. Nonetheless, wireless service was not impacted. The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), Ventura County Sheriffs Office (VCSO), took call and were notified.

- As of 12/19/17:
 - Per Frontier, the Topa Hut remote office has been temporarily restored through a microwave shot from the South Mountain.

Service Interruptions:

As of 12/19/17, due to massive infrastructure damage caused by the Thomas fire, the ongoing wireline community isolation in Santa Paula will not be resolved in the immediate future.

- A temporary microwave solution is being stood up in the area, however, even with the microwave solution, those individuals customers with damaged distribution lines will still be out of landline service.
- No ETTR has been provided at this time.

WEATHER OF CONCERN

Weather of Concern

- Strong north winds (Sundowner) behind a low pressure system are expected to affect mountainous areas of Santa Barbara County this evening through tomorrow morning. Gusts to 50 mph with isolated gusts to 60 mph will be possible during this time.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

- <https://alerts-v2.weather.gov/counties/CA>

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

A vigorous cold front swept across the region overnight. Much of the precipitation associated with the frontal passage will have ended by noon today although a few residual showers will be found across the far north. Widespread below normal afternoon temperatures will occur and is the first time in at least 2 weeks that has occurred. A noticeable N to NW wind flow will affect the area today but the strongest winds will occur tonight with residual impacts into Thursday morning. Expect N to NE and E wind gusts between 20 to 30 mph with locally up to 40 mph favoring the west slopes of the Cascade and Sierra ranges. Humidity values will be much drier on Thursday compared to today although generally above 20%. The lowest humidity values will come Thursday night and impact the midslope areas although wind speeds will be light and that lighter wind flow will continue into Friday.

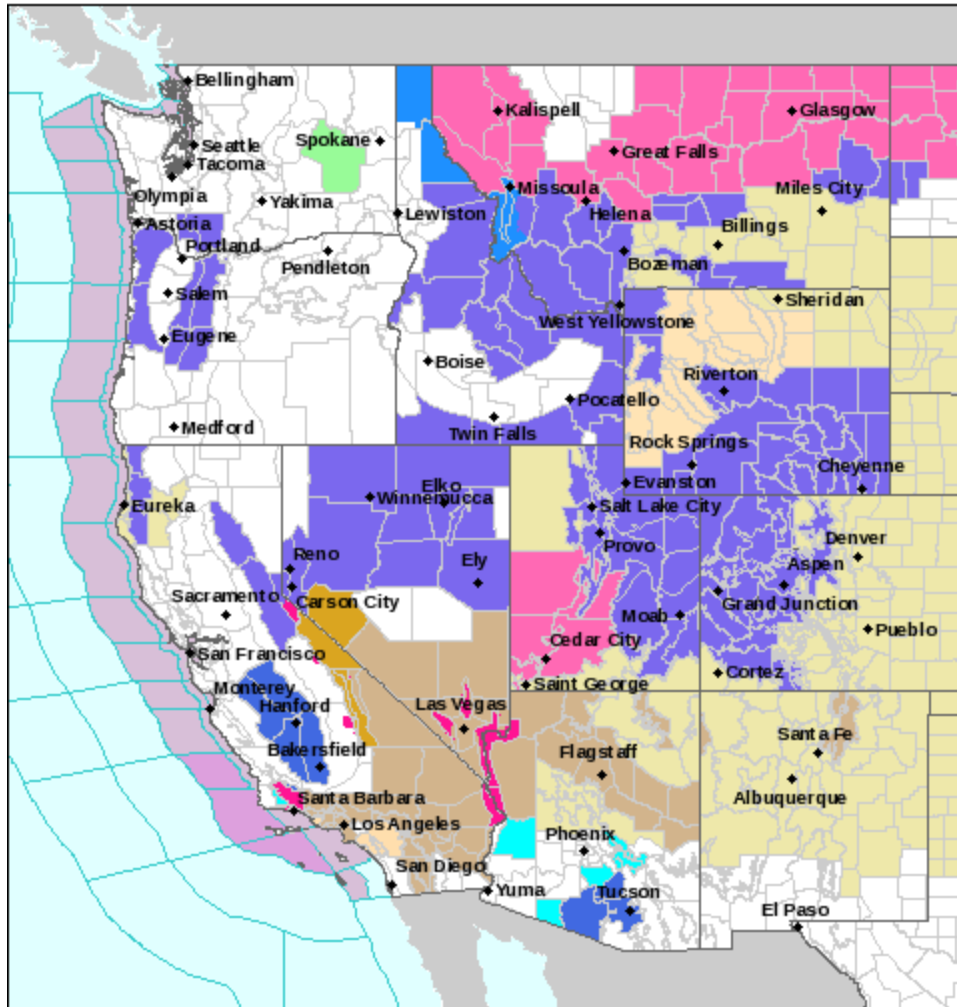
The weather models remain consistent with depicting a ridge over the area while also dragging a dry cold front underneath it during the weekend. Gusty N to NE and eventually E winds will affect the area favoring the Saturday night period. This appears to be a real shallow cold push so the strongest downslope winds would favor the west slopes of the Cascade and Sierra ranges with much less effect elsewhere. Thus, afternoon temperatures will warm to above normal status and combine with moderately low humidity. There is still a hint of the ridge getting nudged eastward just enough to allow some modest moisture to enter the region from the Pacific early next week. Confidence remains low at this time although some humidity increases and added cloud cover should occur.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A trough dropping into the Great Basin from the Pacific Northwest will bring westerly winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph to the mountain ridges and desert passes through this afternoon. Behind this trough, northerly winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph will surface across areas prone to north winds over both Central and Southern California. Scattered showers currently falling across the far northern parts of Central California will spread south and reach Southern California by this evening. Most locations will receive less than a tenth of an inch of rainfall, but the Central Sierra will receive up to a quarter inch of rainfall. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet. Minimum humidity will increase as the day wears on today and then drop into the teens on Thursday. Maximum temperatures will be 5 to 10 degrees below normal through Thursday, with mid 30s to mid 40s across the mountains and 50s to mid 60s in the valleys. A ridge of high pressure will build into California from the Pacific Ocean bringing a significant warming trend along with minimum humidity in the single digits and teens Friday through Monday. Maximum temperatures will reach the low 80s over the warmer valley locations of Southern California Sunday and Monday. Light offshore flow will affect the area Friday through Monday. The ridge of high pressure will weaken causing temperatures to cool and humidity to increase Tuesday. The wind flow will become onshore Tuesday.



WEATHER MAP



- [Winter Storm Warning](#)
- [High Wind Warning](#)
- [Avalanche Warning](#)
- [Gale Warning](#)
- [Red Flag Warning](#)
- [Winter Weather Advisory](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Hazardous Seas](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Rough Bar](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Winds](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory](#)
- [Hazardous Seas Warning](#)
- [Wind Advisory](#)
- [Hard Freeze Watch](#)
- [Freeze Watch](#)
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- [Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
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Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Missions

- Nothing significant to report.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Cal OES Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Missions

- **2017-FIRE-43709:** On 12/05/17, the Cal OES EMAC Coordinator, in support of the Cal OES Fire Branch, sent an EMAC broadcast to 8 States requesting 50 Engine Strike Teams for a total of 250 engines.
 - Oregon – 15 strike teams (75 engines total) demobilized on 12/19/17.
 - Montana – 1 strike team (5 engines) demobilized on 12/19/17; 2 task forces (12 engines total) remain committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Idaho – 2 task forces (10 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - New Mexico – 1 task force (5 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Utah – 3 task forces (18 engines) demobilized on 12/19/17; 2 task forces (13 engines total) remain committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Washington – 1 strike team (5 engines) demobilized on 12/19/17; 1 strike team (5 engines) remain committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Total number of engines is 45.
- **Interstate Compact** – Nevada (7 engines total) and Arizona (1 engine total) currently assigned to fire incidents in California
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** 2017 December wildfires have resulted in an increased need for Imagery Awareness and Assessment (IAA) operations to support CALFIRE suppression efforts in Southern California. MQ-9 crews from the state of Texas to support 24/7 operations of the MQ-9 in support of the Southern California Fires.
- **2017-SOC-43430:** Cal OES Individual Assistance (IA) Branch requested two (2) IA Coordinators in support of the 2017 October Statewide Fire Recovery efforts.
 - Two (2) IA Coordinators from the State of Washington will provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed.
 - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington demobilized and traveled back home on 12/15/17.
 - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington will continue to provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed until 12/23/17.

Cal OES MISSION TASKING

Cal OES Missions

- **2017-Cal OES-42559:** Weather station installed to gather real time rainfall data by Air Resources Control Board (On Scene)
- **2017-SOC-44098:** CalRecycle Debris Management Team in Ventura County.
- **2017-SOC-44022:** Two E-BAM (air monitors) from Air Resources Board/Office of Emergency Response to monitor smoke from the Thomas Fires. Location one: Olga Reed Elementary School (480 Centennial St., Los Alamos); location Two: Carpinteria City Hall (5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria) (On Scene)
- **2017-SOC-43934:** City of Ventura requested ten Safety Assessment Program (SAP) inspectors to assist with building inspections due to damage from the Thomas Fire. Requested to report to Ventura City EOC on 12/12/17 at 0800 hours.
- **2017-SOC-43821:** DTSC to remove household hazardous waste from over 500 residential lots in Ventura County.
- **2017-SOC-43711:** CDPH (DPR) to deliver ice to Cal OES SOC for drinks and meals, on a continual basis until fire event is over.
- **2017-SOC-43628:** FAST Team Lead to report to Ventura EOC.
- **2017-SOC-43610:** SOC requesting from CNG two personnel from CA State Military Reserve (CSMR) Air Mission Support Team (AMST) to support the air coordination group. The estimate is 21 days duration.
- **2017-SOC-43584:** LNOs and support personnel to assist SREOC, Ventura County IC and the ACG in Ventura, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino counties.
- **2017-SOC-43581:** Operational distribution point (State Staging Area) in Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) to assist with affected areas.
- **2017-SOC-43565:** CalTrans Agency Rep for SOC support.
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** CNG Personnel needed to support and sustain 24 hour mapping of MQ-9 (On Scene)
- **2017-FIRE-43624:** Aircraft with all support personnel for infrared imagery and perimeter mapping.
- **2017-FIRE-43576:** Four National Guard Type-1 helicopters with water dropping buckets and personnel transport capabilities, two National Guard MAFFs.
- **2017-FIRE-43571:** Two Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems (MAFFS) C-130J models activated to perform aerial firefighting operations in Southern California including water dropping with facilities opened at Channel Islands to support MAFFS Operations.



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